

**The Back Yard.**  
Paris is a city noted everywhere for beauty, not merely of architecture, but of nature, and the art which good taste is able to evolve from nature. Particularly it is known for the beauty of its trees and flowers and parks. The chief gardener of the city of Paris has been spending a two months' vacation in the United States, studying American methods in developing city parks and gardens. He found much to praise, but had nothing but condemnation for the American city back yard. In New York, particularly, he found the back yards incredibly ugly and neglected—no grass, no trees, no vines, no flowers. The criticism would hold good of almost any American city, but the matter is one which young landscape architects are beginning seriously to consider. One such in Boston, says the Youth's Companion, is making a special study of the problem of converting a few square yards of brick pavement into a little secluded bower of greenery, where the family can have a restful hour or a pleasant meal in surroundings far more attractive than the average roof-garden affords. Manufacturers interested in this young man's work have produced special pieces of garden furniture, of cement and terracotta. A New Yorker has recently told, in print, of the curiosity he felt at the wording of an advertisement of some apartments to rent. One of the attractions mentioned was the outlook on real trees and back yards which were gardens. Later conversation with the agent disclosed the fact that the modest apartment at beauty which the windows commanded was a real asset. It raised the rentable value of the property.

**Cultivate the Imagination.**  
He who can read easily and understandingly possesses the key to all human knowledge. If he reads with imagination alert, his mind will be progressive. He will become more and more self-reliant, and will become self-confident as he realizes the strength of his imaginative powers. He will each day become more valuable to himself and to his employer, because he is alert and receptive, and because imagination will permeate all his ideas, his thoughts and his activities. The man with imagination is equal to all emergencies, for when one way of accomplishing a desired result proves inefficient, he will think of another, says the New York World. The imaginative gift broadens the outlook and creates resourcefulness. To the artist, the student, and the philosopher, the development of the imaginative faculty is of the greatest value, but to the worker in the business or mechanical world its value is little less. The man who has imaginative strength never can be downed, for when one of his schemes has failed, he always has another ready, and will persist until he achieves success.

Not long ago, the Youth's Companion, in an article on English historical pageants, made the suggestion that something of a similar kind might well form a part of anniversary celebrations in this country. Since then something of the sort has taken place. The observance of "Ohio day" by the town of Rutland, Mass., was made intensely interesting, and also historically valuable, by a pageant in which men, women and children were dressed as were the pioneers of Gen. Rufus Putnam's band, and drawn by slow-moving oxen hitched to "prairie schooners." More lately still the approval by Lord Tennyson of a pageant with scenes taken from his father's poems, as a celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the poet's birth, has led to the suggestion on this side of the water that the coming Whittier centenary be marked by a pageant of scenes from the Quaker poet's verse. The simplicity and historic character of much of Whittier's poetry would make this easy.

Santos-Dumont again comes to the front in attempts to solve the problem of aerial navigation. He has a machine which he calls the hydroplane, by which he is confident he can make successful flights, and he has put up a wager to that effect. That may show the inventor's confidence. But the man who can mount in the air and fly at will, in any direction and for as long a time and distance as he may choose, will not be obliged to make bets to convince the public.

President Allen of Aurora college may demonstrate that a diet of peanuts is wholesome and nutritious, but this will not disprove the generally accepted proposition that no grade of peanuts fit to eat is ever used by confectioners in making their peanut candy.

Peas are a cause of baldness, according to a French doctor, but strawberries cause rheumatism, according to another doctor, so there you are!

It must make the spirit of Cyrus Field sore to think that he wasted all that time and energy on the Atlantic cable, when he could just as well have telegraphed across the ocean without wires.

Chicago women do not favor the idea of getting up stork contests there. Such a scheme might divert them from the great work of figuring out what they are going to wear.

## STEP IS TAKEN TO SET UP REPUBLIC

THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY THE ENUMERATION OF POPULATION OF CUBA.

### POLITICAL COMPLEXION NOT GREATLY CHANGED

With the Possible Exception of Pinar del Rio, the Provinces Hold the Same Views—Number of Foreigners in Island Estimated at 400,000.

Havana, Nov. 25.—With the completion of enumeration of the population of Cuba there has been accomplished the first step in the direction of the termination of the American intervention and the re-establishment of the Cuban republic.

This enumeration was actually an enforced registration of voters, the determination of the population of this land being of scant importance compared to that of registering all persons entitled to the electoral franchise, in order to insure the purity of the election of the next Cuban president.

An estimate by one of the most accomplished statisticians in the service of the provisional government places the population of the island at two millions, of which about four hundred thousand are foreigners not entitled to the franchise.

The indications are that there has been no great change in the political complexion of the provinces with the possible exception of Pinar del Rio, where the influence of Pina Guerra, the military leader of the last uprising, is very great.

Even to speculate on the outcome of the next election is futile, owing to the confusion consequent on the dissensions in the liberal party and the undefined attitude of the conservatives.

Had the election been held a year ago there is no doubt that the liberals would have had an overwhelming victory and that Alfredo Zayas would have been president of Cuba.

Now the liberal party is hopelessly divided between the followers of Jose Miguel Gomez and Zayas, and an excellent opportunity is afforded for conservatives to organize and nominate a leader who will command the respect of the country.

Should they obtain the consent of such a man as Gen. Mario Menocal to run for the presidency there can hardly be any doubt that he would attract a great following from the better class of liberals and would easily be elected.

Gen. Menocal, however, it is believed, could not be tempted to enter the presidential arena.

An element that may prove to be of prime importance in the coming election is the health of Jose Miguel Gomez. It is rumored that the general is afflicted with a dangerous ailment which may compel his retirement from the field.

Coincident with the completion of the enumeration is that of the electoral law, on which the committee of which Col. Crowder is the head has been working for months.

It waits only the approval of Gov. Magoon, before being promulgated, so that if tranquility is maintained nothing stands in the way of carrying out the present programme of the government, which is to hold the municipal elections in May or June and the presidential election in the following December, thus paving the way for the inauguration of the president in May and the withdrawal of the American troops in July.

**BULLET ENTERED CAR**  
Impelling the Life of Speaker Cardwell, of the Virginia House.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 25.—Leaving Richmond for Ashland, William D. Cardwell, of Hanover, speaker of the last house of delegates, and several other passengers on one of the big electric cars had a narrow escape from serious injury. The car was passing over the viaduct at Clay street when a rifle bullet crashed through one of the windows, smashing the glass and passing between the heads of Captain Cardwell and a Hanover farmer. No one was hurt, but the passengers were much excited.

Not long ago Mrs. Claude A. Swanson, wife of the governor of Virginia, had a narrow escape when a bullet crashed through a Southern Railway Pullman as the train was nearing Richmond.

**Maddone Adhered.**  
Spencer, N. C., Nov. 25.—Leon, a young son of Frank A. Brown, of Spencer, was bitten by a mad dog at Mt. Pleasant, where he was visiting his grandparents. He was brought to Spencer at once and a maddone, owned by Mrs. H. P. Dorsett, of Lexington, was applied to the wounds. The stone adhered for several hours and relieved the swollen flesh on the limb. The child, it is believed, will recover.

**Miners Laid Off.**  
Cumberland, Md., Nov. 25.—The labor situation in the mining regions is reaching an acute stage. There is a marked decline in business as a result. One day last week nearly 100 men were discharged by the Consolidated Coal Co.

**Auto Race From New York to Paris.**  
Paris, Nov. 25.—Following the recent automobile race from Pekin to Paris, the "Matin" has decided to organize a race from New York to Paris via Chicago, Alaska, across the Behring straits, Siberia and Russia.

**Cook Cremated.**  
Smithville, Tex., Nov. 25.—The "Katy" passenger depot, dining hall and division headquarters building caught fire and burned to the ground. E. B. Kenney, of St. Louis, employed as cook, perished in the flames. The loss is estimated at \$10,000; insured.

**Three Gold Cups.**  
London, Nov. 25.—King Edward, Queen Alexandra and the prince of Wales have each promised to present a gold cup valued at about \$5,000 in connection with the international horse show in London in 1908.



## CLEVELAND MAYOR IS HIT

TOM L. JOHNSON ACCUSED BY W. M. IVINS IN NEW YORK.

Reorganization of Nassau Company Said to Have Provided \$250,000 of Water.

New York.—William M. Ivins, while investigating the affairs of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company for the public service commission Friday, declared that Mayor Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland and his friends, who formerly owned the Nassau Electric Railway company of Brooklyn, had watered its stock to the extent of \$250,000 and then sold it to the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company.

This was alleged to have taken place in a reorganization of the Nassau company in January, 1899.

Questioning Timothy S. Williams, vice president of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company, about the reorganization of the Nassau company, Mr. Ivins said: "On that reorganization I find that they increased their bond issue, which had theretofore been \$5,500,000, by an additional \$3,945,960. They made an entirely new issue of preferred stock of \$5,000,000, they theretofore having no preferred stock, and to the theretofore existing \$6,000,000 of common stock they added \$2,500,000, making a total of new issues of \$17,945,960, and your acquisition was after this increase of capitalization. Can you tell me what these new securities were issued for?"

Mr. Williams said an explanation of the transaction was given in an agreement which Mr. Ivins had, but this was not read. Mr. Williams also contended that the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company, if it had bought \$5,250,000 of water, had subsequently squeezed it out.

"I cannot agree with you," said Mr. Ivins. "It looks to me like a plain case of stock watering, and the company had no right to charge that \$6,000,000 on its books to the cost and equipment of the road. It was wrong in principle, and if it wasn't then against the law, the law ought to be amended so as to make such a transaction impossible."

## BOROUGH BANK MEN INDICTED.

President, Cashier and Controlling Stockholder in the Tolls.

New York.—The Kings county grand jury, which is investigating the recent management of the suspended Borough bank of Brooklyn, returned indictments Thursday charging larceny and other offenses against Howard Maxwell, who was president of the institution when its doors were closed; Arthur D. Campbell, the deposed cashier, and William Gow, a director who holds a controlling share of the bank's stock.

The three men were arrested and arraigned. All pleaded not guilty and were held for a hearing. Campbell and Gow each furnished \$20,000 bail. Maxwell was unable to secure the \$30,000 bond required of him and went to jail for the night.

**"Suffragettes" Silence Gladstone.**  
Leeds, England.—The woman suffragists Friday virtually compelled Herbert Gladstone, secretary of state for home affairs, to abandon his attempt to address a meeting here. The interruptions from the "suffragettes" became so persistent that Mr. Gladstone declared he would no longer struggle against such tactics. One of the suffragists thereupon tried to take possession of the meeting. While she was speaking a free fight broke out between the men and women of the audience.

**Dishonest Banker Sentenced.**  
Birmingham, Ala.—Louis M. Dyke, president of the former Atlanta National bank, charged with misappropriation of funds of a national bank, the court sentenced Dyke to five years in the Atlanta penitentiary.

**Crushed to Death in Elevator.**  
Pittsburg, Pa.—O. K. McCutcheon, 50 years old, a wealthy merchant of Turtle Creek, near here, was crushed to death in an elevator in a downtown skyscraper Friday.

**Mauretanian Makes Record Day's Run.**  
New York.—The new Cunard liner Mauretanian broke one of her sister ship Lusitania's records Thursday when, at noon, she completed a day's run of 624 knots. The Lusitania's best record for a day was 618 knots.

**Big Boost for Westinghouse.**  
Pittsburg, Pa.—Nearly \$2,000,000 of new business has been placed on the books of the Westinghouse Machine and the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing companies during the week by contracts with Chicago.

## PRESIDENT NOT ENDANGERED.

Officers and Crew of Steamer Fowler Exonerated.

Cairo, Ill.—Exonerated from the charge of reckless navigation, which endangered the life of the president of the United States during the river trip from Cairo to Memphis October 3, was obtained Thursday for the officers and crew of the steamer Dick Fowler, who were found not guilty by United States inspectors Wally and Hodges of Memphis, after a trial.

The charges were brought by Commander L. S. Vanduzer, U. S. N., inspector of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth lighthouse districts, who was on the lighthouse tender Lily, which acted as escort to the steamer Mississippi, the boat on which President Roosevelt traveled from Keokuk to Memphis. The Fowler was accused specifically of running by the Lily without sounding her whistle and running too close to the steamer Mississippi, the boat the president was on, thereby endangering his life. At the trial only evidence for the defense was heard, as the testimony of Commander Vanduzer and his witnesses was taken at a hearing held soon after the disposal of the boat case arising from the river trip and the summary suspension for six months of the license of Pilot C. L. Nichols of the steamer Fred Hartweg, at the order of the president.

## LIEUT. CRAWFORD MISSING.

Admiral Dewey's Secretary Thought to Have Drowned Himself.

Washington.—Lieut. John W. Crawford, secretary of Admiral Dewey, has disappeared and it is believed he has committed suicide. Friday Bennett A. Allen, 1901 Fourth street, a friend of the missing man, received a special delivery letter from Lieut. Crawford in which it was stated that he had determined on suicide and requesting Mr. Allen to break the news to Mrs. Crawford as gently as possible. Late in the evening Lieut. Crawford's hat and coat were found on the deck of a ferry boat plying between Washington and Alexandria. To financial difficulties Lieut. Crawford's resolve to end his life is attributable, his friends say.

## HURT INSPECTING TRACKS.

Nebraska Railway Commissioner and Clerk in Bad Accident.

Lincoln, Neb.—Railway Commissioner Joseph A. Williams and H. G. Powell, state expert in the office of the state commission, were seriously injured late Thursday night while making an inspection of the Missouri Pacific tracks near Elmwood. Commissioner Williams was removed to a hospital. Powell was able to go to his home.

The men were using a gasoline motor, and were running at considerable speed in the darkness when the car struck an obstacle on the track and was thrown from the rails.

**George P. Miller a Suicide.**  
St. Louis.—Physically wrecked through excesses, George P. Miller, aged 48 years, once a brilliant law graduate and private secretary to Samuel J. Randall of Pennsylvania, who was speaker of the national house of representatives, swallowed whisky and morphine in a Pine street boarding house Thursday night and died Friday at the City hospital.

**Two Killed in Auto Accident.**  
Des Moines, Ia.—O. R. Nattiger was killed and Frank Getchell was seriously injured in an automobile accident Friday night. Miss Ruth Wilkinson and Miss Isabelle Benny were severely hurt.

**Five Children Perish in Fire.**  
Tinsville, Pa.—Awakened by the barking of a dog early Thursday, Thomas Zuer found his house in flames. With difficulty he saved his wife and their baby. Two sons escaped, but were badly injured. Five children were burned to death.

**Noted Jew-Baiter Goes Insane.**  
Berlin.—Count von Puckert, the well-known Jew baiter, who at various times has come into collision with the law owing to excessive anti-Semitic agitation, has been sent to an asylum.

**Fatal Collision Near Peoria.**  
Peoria, Ill.—A Chicago and Alton passenger train and a Vandalia freight came together head-on Wednesday noon at Farmdale, six miles east of here. One trainman was killed and the list of injured numbers seven.

**Five Killed by Boiler Explosion.**  
Norfolk, Va.—Five men were killed, one fatally injured and a number seriously hurt, as the result of the explosion of a boiler in a planing mill No. 1, at the John L. Roper lumber mill, Gilmer, Wednesday.

## WAS OFFERED BRIBE

GOMPERS TELLS FEDERATION OF ATTEMPT TO CORRUPT HIM.

### HIS STORY IS VERIFIED

Purported Agent of Manufacturers' Association Offered Immunity and Money if He Would Betray Labor.

Norfolk, Va.—A great sensation was created in the American Federation of Labor Wednesday afternoon by President Gompers in his speech replying to the attacks upon him and other officers of the federation by the Manufacturers' association, when he told of an alleged attempt to bribe him at the Victoria hotel, New York, in October by a young newspaper man giving him the name as Charles Brandenburg.

President Gompers said the man declared that he represented the National Manufacturers' association, and was prepared to offer him immunity from all exposure and make him financially secure for the remainder of his life if he would sign a certain paper and otherwise aid in the "exposure" of the other leaders in the American Federation of Labor with a view to virtually destroying the influence of organized labor.

Verifies His Statement.  
The paper, President Gompers said, was to purport to have been signed when he (Gompers) was ill in 1895. This paper, Mr. Gompers said, he had preserved, and while deathlike stillness prevailed in the convention President Gompers drew forth the original document and read it. Mr. Gompers during his recital of the alleged attempt at bribery called upon different delegates present, who were with him at times at interviews with Brandenburg, to verify his statements.

The delegates, rising in their seats, said:  
At the close of President Gompers' speech there was a great demonstration, even Victor L. Berger, of Milwaukee, the socialist opponent of Mr. Gompers, declaring that although he had at convention after convention bitterly opposed the reelection of President Gompers, he will be the one this time to move to make his election unanimous, with a vote of confidence in the president.

Brandenburg's Side of It.  
New York.—Broughten Brandenburg, president of the National Institute of Immigration, and a magazine writer, said Wednesday night that he was the man referred to by President Gompers. He emphatically denied that he had attempted to bribe Gompers. He also stated that he had no connection with the National Manufacturers' association, and that his dealings with Gompers were solely in the interests of a publication which he represented. He, himself, he said, had been the intended victim of a plot that failed. He declared that Gompers' statement was an effort to forestall the effect of what he knew was about to be published.

**FIGHT DESPITE GOV. CUMMINS.**  
Milwaukee, Wis.—Despite the fact that the fight was scheduled for Saturday night, the fight between Capt. Kulp of Davenport, who was ordered late Thursday afternoon by Gov. Cummins to assemble his men of company B, Fifty-fourth regiment, under arms and stop the prize fight scheduled for that night.

The fight took place but no decision was made, though McFarland easily defeated Herman.

**FATAL PANIC AT FUNERAL.**  
One Man Is Killed and Eight Injured Near York, Pa.

York, Pa.—Eli Gross, of Ziona View, was probably fatally injured and eight other persons were hurt in a panic in Quickel's church, six miles north of this city, Wednesday.

While the funeral of the victims of last Saturday's double murder was in progress a report gained currency that the building was falling. The church was crowded to its doors. To aggravate the rumor the heating stove was pushed over. The congregation immediately became frenzied and a struggle ensued among the people to escape from the building.

**Tahiti Prince Accused of Fraud.**  
San Francisco.—Prince Salmon of Tahiti was arrested Friday in the police court on two charges, one of defrauding an automobile livery company and the other of failing to pay a board bill.

**Jury in Lewis Trial Disagrees.**  
St. Louis.—The jury in the case of Edward G. Lewis, mayor of University City, who was charged with having used the mails fraudulently in organizing and establishing the Peoples United States bank, disagreed Friday.

**Speaker Cannon in a Wreck.**  
Danville, Ill.—Speaker Cannon was in a railroad wreck at Hismarck, Ill., a short distance from Danville Wednesday. He escaped injury, although his life was in great danger. Train No. 14, of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad, ran into an open switch, derailing two cars, in one of which Mr. Cannon was riding. The speaker's car turned squarely across the track, but fortunately did not overturn. Beyond being badly shaken up, none of the passengers or trainmen was injured.

## WILLIAM R. HEARST HELD

NEW YORK EDITOR BOUND OVER TO GRAND JURY.

Justice Wyatt Takes Action—Criminal Libel Charge Made by Chanler.

New York.—Justice Wyatt in the court of special sessions Thursday held W. R. Hearst for the grand jury on a charge of criminal libel preferred by William Astor Chanler, S. J. Carvalho gave bail for Mr. Hearst. The amount of the bond was fixed at \$500, the usual sum required in misdemeanor cases. Mr. Carvalho is the general manager of Mr. Hearst's New York newspapers.

Both Mr. Hearst and his bondsman were in court when Justice Wyatt handed down his decision. They repaired to the office of District Attorney Jerome while the bail bond was being prepared. It was later approved by Justice Wyatt and Mr. Hearst and his attorneys drove away in the big red automobile which had brought them to the criminal courts building.

The charge against Mr. Hearst grew out of a publication in the New York Evening Journal concerning the case of Raymond Hitchcock, the actor. Mr. Chanler's name was mentioned in connection with the article. Several hearings had been before Justice Wyatt, during which Mr. Chanler positively denied that he had ever been in Hitchcock's house when little girls were there. His counsel claimed that the publication had been made for the purpose of injuring politically Lieut. Gov. Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler, a brother of the complainant against Mr. Hearst.

This was denied by Mr. Hearst's attorneys, who made the counter claim in court that Mr. Chanler's proceedings against Mr. Hearst were taken in the hope of hurting the chances of the Independence League ticket in the last county election.

The grand jury, it is said, has already undertaken an investigation of the charge against Mr. Hearst, and a score or more of witnesses have been summoned.

## RUM ROUTED IN ALABAMA.

Remarkable Scenes When Senate Passes Prohibition Bill.

Montgomery, Ala.—Unprecedented scenes were enacted in the senate chamber of the historical capitol of Alabama Tuesday when the statutory prohibition bill was passed. Women and children thronged the corridor and gallery and even usurped the sanctity of the floor itself, pushing the senators from their seats and giving vent to their enthusiasm by shouts and cheers that echoed and reechoed through the building.

Sensors who opposed the bill were hissed down when they arose to speak against the measure.

The statutory prohibition bill which was passed was in the nature of a compromise between the anti and prohibitionists. The anti, seeing the handwriting on the wall, agreed to give up the fight provided the time was extended to January 1, 1909, when the sale of whisky will be forbidden in the state of Alabama. This amendment will be sent to the house and will be concurred in without a fight.

Gov. Comer will approve the bill and it is understood that a movement has already been started by the state W. C. T. U. to make the signing of the bill a very formal occasion.

Mobile, Ala.—An indication of the wrath of the "home rulers" over the prohibition policy of the Democratic party in the state is shown by the following telegram that was sent to State Senator Hamburger by M. J. McDermott, president of the Bank of Mobile:

**WANT FORAKER FOR PRESIDENT.**  
Committees of Ohio League of Republican Clubs Endorse Him.

Columbus, O.—United States Senator Joseph Benson Foraker, of Ohio, was endorsed Wednesday for both reelection to the senate and the Republican nomination for president, at a joint meeting of the executive and advisory committees of the Ohio League of Republican clubs.

The committees also declared that they had no sympathy whatever "with the proposition" that has been advanced that Senator Foraker be eliminated and retired from public life because he was not able to agree with President Roosevelt as to the rate bill, or joint statehood for New Mexico and Arizona, or about the Brownsville matter.

The action of the joint committees at once brought out a challenge from A. I. Vorys, manager of the Taft presidential canvass, for a popular primary to determine the choice of the Ohio Republicans of a candidate for president.

**Iowa Village Is Burned.**  
St. Joseph, Mo.—The village of Chain, Ia., was wiped out by fire Wednesday night, but one building being saved. Loss, \$50,000.

**Yellow Fever Kills American Woman.**  
Bridgetown, Island of Barbados, B. W. I.—Mrs. Alleyne, wife of Dr. Alleyne, surgeon general of the hospital here, died Friday of yellow fever. She was taken sick November 18. Mrs. Alleyne was an American.

**Ohio Legislator Dies of Burns.**  
Columbus, O.—Dr. W. C. Whitney, member of the Ohio legislature from Franklin county, died Friday night of burns received several days ago while attempting to rescue a horse from a burning barn.

**Big Lumber Mills Closed.**  
Houston, Tex.—The Bronson and Kirbyville lumber mills of the Kirby Lumber company shut down Thursday because of alleged unwillingness to sell lumber below cost. Six hundred men are idle.

**Gelatine Explosion Kills Two.**  
Pinole, Cal.—Two workmen were killed and a building was blown to atoms Thursday by an explosion of 500 pounds of gelatine at the Dupont De Nemours Powder company's plant near this place.

## WESTERN CANADA

A WINNER

THE CROP OF 1907 IS AN EXCELLENT ONE.

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta Farmers Doing Well.

The interest that Western Canada has aroused for some years past is growing in intensity. The conditions of the crop of 1907 are such that results can be spoken of with some degree of certainty. The yield of grain will be about 80,000,000 bushels and the price the farmers will realize for it will be upwards of seventy million dollars. The oat crop was good in most places, and the crop of barley will be very remunerative. Those who know of the generally unsatisfactory conditions during the seedling growing and ripening period in the United States during the past season, will look with righteous distrust on any statement intended to give the impression that Western Canada conditions were so much different. Generally, they were not, but the conditions of a highly recuperative soil, long and continuous sunshine, are conditions possessed by Western Canada and not possessed by any other country on the continent. This is why it is possible to record today a fairly successful crop, when in most other places the opposite is the case. The yield in all grains is less than last year, but the higher prices obtained more than offset any falling off in the yield. Take for instance the Province of Saskatchewan the wheat crop will be worth \$21,135,000. Last year the same crop was 35 per cent. larger and the quality better. The yield was worth \$24,000,000. Oats and barley are very important factors in all three central provinces. At Gladstone, Manitoba, returns from one farm were \$27 per acre from the wheat land, \$35 per acre from oats, and \$30 per acre from barley. The yield of wheat at Dauphin, Manitoba, was 20 to 24 bushels to the acre but not of a very good grade, but the yield of barley in that section was good and so was the quality and price. At Meadow Lea, Manitoba, 15 to 20 bushels to the acre were thrashed, bringing a round dollar on the market. At Oak Lake, Manitoba, on some fields where 21 bushels were expected, twelve and fifteen was the result; others again where twenty was looked for gave twenty-two to twenty-five. One special patch south of town on J. M. McFarlane's farm went as high as thirty bushels to the acre. At Shebo, Saskatchewan, oats yielded from 60 to 65 bushels to the acre. Sam Wunder thrashed 2,500 bushels from forty acres. The sample is good and weighs well. At Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, W. Bibb thrashed 97 bushels of oats to the acre, and two others were but little behind. Wheat here reached 35 bushels. At Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, from a quarter section all in crop, Alex. McKinnon of Ingleside thrashed an average of 33 bushels No. 1 Northern. J. J. Grant had 190 acres, yielding 6,000 bushels of the same grade. These illustrations taken from widely distant districts (and thousands of others) show the year 1907 has not felt the serious effects from severe winter, late spring, or unfavorable conditions during the growing season that might have been anticipated. In order to learn more about this country write to the Canadian Government Agent whose address appears elsewhere, and get a copy of the new Last Best West, which he will be pleased to mail you free.

**Nut Growing Industry of the South.**  
"Nut growing is a comparatively new industry in the south Atlantic and Gulf states, but it promises to develop into one of the most important in that section," said J. Z. Reid, a prosperous planter of Florida. "The most popular nut is the pecan, and its popularity is probably due to the development of systematic methods of grading it and cracking it by machinery operated by steam."

The nut industry is possible the marketing of the nuts of the nut ready for use.

"The demand is always much greater than the supply and many planters are now turning their attention to the nut raising industry. It is not uncommon for a tree to bear as high as 200 pounds of nuts in one season and most of these sell at from 60 to 70 cents a pound. It does not require much figuring to show that the pecan orchards which abound in some sections are paying investments."

**Reliably Informed.**  
"It must be lovely to be a successful playwright," she said, looking admiringly at him, "isn't it?"

"It is," said he, trying not to seem proud.

"I understand," she went on softly, "that you had a play last winter that ran for one consecutive night. Was that true?"

"Yes," said he, frowning slightly. "And I have been told," she continued, "that seven of your plays will be produced this winter."

"Who told you that?" he asked, his face all smiles again.

"You did," she said.

**Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.**  
as mercury will surely destroy the seed of small and completely denature the whole system when entering it through the mucous membrane. Such ointments should never be used except on prescription from a reputable physician, as the danger they will do to the seed to the good you can possibly derive from them. Bull's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by E. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a catarrh cure, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Bull's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made by E. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Take Bull's Family Pills for constipation.

**Tennis and Temperament.**  
In a tennis tournament (more truthfully than in a confessional) are revealed the good and bad qualities of human nature. The man who loses gracefully, plays with a bad partner without afterwards alluding to his deficiencies, and honestly admires an opponent's skill, may be trusted not to fall in any other trial of life—London Black and White.

He who knows not how to confer a kindness cannot justly ask for one—Hereford.